

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of entering text into a device comprising:
 - a) providing a first character input that is indicative of a first character of a text entry word;
 - b) capturing a vocalization of the text entry word;
 - c) identifying a probable word candidate for the vocalization based upon the first character input and an analysis of the vocalization; and
 - d) displaying the probable word candidate.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step a) includes pressing a key corresponding to multiple characters.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the providing step a) includes pressing and holding a key; and
the capturing step b) begins in response to the providing step a).
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying step c) includes:
producing a list of probable word candidates based upon an analysis of the vocalization;
and

identifying the probable word candidate from the list of probable word candidates for the vocalization based on the first character input.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 including:
rejecting the probable word candidate in response to an input by a user; and
displaying an alternative probable word candidate from the list of probable word candidates.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying step c) includes:
narrowing a list of vocalized word candidates using the first character input to form a narrowed list of vocalized word candidates;
narrowing the narrowed list of vocalized word candidates to a list of probable word candidates for the vocalization based upon an analysis of the vocalization; and
identifying the probable word candidate from the list of probable word candidates.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifying step c) includes:
analyzing the vocalization to produce a list of vocalized word candidates;
narrowing a list of input word candidates using the first character input to form a narrowed list of input word candidates for the vocalization;
comparing the list of vocalized word candidates to the narrowed list of input word candidates; and
identifying the probable word candidate as a word candidate that is located in both the list of vocalized word candidates and the narrowed list of input word candidates.
15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 including providing a second character input that is indicative of a second character of the text entry word, wherein the probable word candidate identified in step c) is based on the first and second character inputs and the analysis of the vocalization.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 including entering the probable word candidate into the device in response to a selection by a user.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 including:

 providing a second character input that is indicative of a first character of a second text entry word;
 capturing a vocalization of the second text entry word;
 identifying a probable word candidate for the vocalization of the second text entry word based upon the second character input and an analysis of the vocalization of the second text entry word; and
 displaying the probable word candidate for the vocalization of the second text entry word.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of identifying a probable word candidate for the vocalization of the second text entry word is further based on the entered probable word candidate.

20. (Original) A method of entering text into a device comprising:

- a) providing a first character input that is indicative of a first character of a text entry;
- b) capturing a vocalization of the text entry;
- c) identifying a probable word candidate for a first word of the vocalization based upon the first character input and an analysis of the vocalization; and
- d) displaying the probable word candidate.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the providing step a) includes pressing a key corresponding to multiple characters.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the identifying step c) includes:
producing a list of probable word candidates based upon an analysis of the vocalization;
and
identifying the probable word candidate from the list of probable word candidates for the
first word of the vocalization based upon the first character input.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Original) The method of claim 20 including providing a second character input that is indicative of a second character of the text entry, wherein the probable word candidate identified in step c) is based on the first and second character inputs, and the analysis of the vocalization.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 including entering the probable word candidate into the device in response to a selection by a user.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Original) The method of claim 36 including:

providing a second character input that is indicative of a first character of a second word of the vocalization;

identifying a probable word candidate for the second word of the vocalization based upon the second character input and an analysis of the vocalization; and

displaying the probable word candidate for the second word of the vocalization.

40. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein the step of identifying a probable word candidate for the second word of the vocalization is further based on the entered probable word candidate.

41. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein providing a first character input that is indicative of a first character of a text entry word comprises pressing a key of a keypad of a mobile computing device that corresponds to the first character of the text entry word.

42. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein providing a first character input that is indicative of a first character of a text entry comprises pressing a key of a keypad of a mobile computing device that corresponds to the first character of the text entry.

43. (New) A method of entering text into a mobile computing device by a user of the mobile computing device comprising:

providing a first character input that is indicative of a first character of a text entry word comprising pressing a key of a keypad of the mobile computing device corresponding to the first character;
vocalizing the text entry word into a microphone of the mobile computing device;
capturing the vocalization of the text entry word;
identifying a probable word candidate for the captured vocalization of the text entry word based upon the first character input and an analysis of the captured vocalization of the text entry word; and
displaying the probable word candidate on the mobile computing device.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein identifying a probable word candidate for the captured vocalization of the text entry word comprises:

producing a list of probable word candidates based upon an analysis of the captured vocalization of the text entry word; and
identifying the probable word candidate from the list of probable word candidates for the captured vocalization of the text entry word based on the first character input.

45. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein identifying a probable word candidate for the captured vocalization of the text entry word comprises:

narrowing a list of vocalized word candidates using the first character input to form a narrowed list of vocalized word candidates;
narrowing the narrowed list of vocalized word candidates to a list of probable word candidates for the captured vocalization of the text entry word based upon an analysis of the captured vocalization of the text entry word; and
identifying the probable word candidate from the list of probable word candidates.

46. (New) The method of claim 43, further comprising entering the probable word candidate into the mobile computing device.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising:
 - providing a second character input that is indicative of a first character of a second text entry word comprising pressing a key of a keypad of the mobile computing device corresponding to the first character;
 - capturing a vocalization of the second text entry word;
 - identifying a probable word candidate for the captured vocalization of the second text entry word based upon the second character input, an analysis of the captured vocalization of the second text entry word and the entered probable word candidate; and
 - displaying the probable word candidate for the vocalization of the second text entry word on the mobile computing device.